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MUCH GOOD IN THE WORLD
The Washington Star steps aside from general public questions long enough to dwell briefly on the fact that there is much good in men, as was revealed anew during the Christmas period. Yes, there is just as much good in the world to-day as there ever was—perhaps more, because there are more people.

Two months ago when trouble came to the New York financiers and those in other parts of the country it was found that there were plenty of good and true and earnest men engaged in the business of handling and investing money. It has been one of the fads of the times to hold every man engaged in matters financial as citizens to be shunned and distrusted. But when the climax came it was found that there were enough earnest men to take hold to set matters straight. Had it not been for the fair and honest and trustworthy men of affairs in the financial world the troubles would have been greater. Because the weak men and the weak institutions had come to their limit they were forced to the wall, although most of them only temporarily. But the strong men stood shoulder to shoulder and the world knows now a little of what was done to hold up the weak and those in danger of being crushed by others.

And just now it is emphasized throughout the country that much of good was done by men during the Christmas Day and during the days before. Never before in the history of the country was there such a generous extension of aid to the unfortunate, never so much done for those in need of Christmas cheer, and never before such an exchange of kindly greetings. The world is full of good men and good women. Those who are weak and those who are not good are in the minority. The good that is in the world can always prevail and it does prevail when there comes a time when its presence is found to be imperative. There is no excuse for howling about the evil in the world. It is rather to bear in mind and to appreciate the good that is to be found on every side.

THE OLD ADAGE TRUE

If the suckers were all dead such concerns as the Globe Association of Chicago, against which the government lately issued a fraud order, would not exist for twenty-four hours. They advertised to sell a \$3.50 pair of shoes for 99 cents and strange as it may seem, their mails were flooded with remittances for those wanting to take advantage of this philanthropic offer. When will people learn that it costs about so much to buy good goods any place? A catalogue house cannot sell a \$3.50 pair of shoes that are good value and worth that money, any cheaper than any merchant in any town in this state. The same rule applies to any other article. But the trouble is people patronize these institutions and imagine they have obtained a bargain, when they really could have bought the same quality right at home for the same or less money. The fact is that even merchants who have been in the business for years, ninety nine times out of a hundred, cannot detect the difference in the quality of the goods. Some of these days our large catalogue houses are going to come up against Uncle Sam's postal laws with a heavy thud, on the ground of fraudulent statements in their advertising.

ANOTHER WORLD'S FAIR

Undertaken by the result of the Jamestown Exposition, the city of Seattle is proceeding on its way cheerfully and energetically preparing for a world's fair in 1909 and it will probably surprise a good many people to learn how much progress has been made and the scope of the affair. The grounds have been laid out, the Legislature of the State has already appropriated \$1,000,000 as a start and various countries have given \$200,000. These States have also made appropriations for buildings: Pennsylvania \$75,000, Oregon and California \$100,000 each, Nebraska, Utah and Missouri lesser sums. Of course, Congress is expected to do the right thing, and the President is already on record in his two last annual messages in favor of recognizing the exposition.

NO MORE FREE LUNCH

Saturday night marked the passing of "free lunch" in Wilmington saloons, or at least in those saloons whose proprietors are members in good standing of the Business Men's Protective Association. A resolution abolishing the elaborate Saturday night lunch, as well as the noon-day soup was adopted by the association one month ago, and many saloon men declared Saturday night, that the action of the body would be adhered to by them. "There has never been anything in it for us but a lot of work and expense," said one of the best known saloon men while discussing the subject. "Of course I do not expect all the saloon men to live up to the resolution adopted by the association, but the majority of them will no longer serve anything to eat unless it be pretzels and crackers. Saloons in the vicinity of manufacturing establishments, no doubt, will continue to serve soup, but there will be few of the town saloons that will entertain hereafter at midnight suppers. The generosity of the saloon men in this particular was always impudently upon. They had their 'lunch routes' you know, but when they got to the end of the 'route' they were usually intoxicated. Of course that didn't help the last man's business. This lunch business always was a nuisance so we agreed to do away with it."

As though knowing that last night was the last night for "free lunches," the saloons were crowded. In one place oyster parties and labor socials were served as a farewell dinner. Everywhere the coming new order of things was discussed and no doubt the lunch will be missed.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Miss Mary Lum is spending some time in Baltimore.
Mr. Alexander Colmary is spending some time in Baltimore.
Mr. John Meyer, of Philadelphia, spent Monday in town.
Miss Nan Hayes visited her parents at Bear, Del., last week.
Miss Annie Jefferson spent a few days last week in Galena.
Miss Mary Barwick, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days in town.
Miss Susie Sprigg, of Fairmount, Md., has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Laws.
Howard Stephens, of Lehigh University, is visiting his parents at Town Point.
George Conrey, of Philadelphia, visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Conrey, last week.
Miss Ethel Sartin, of Summit Bridge, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Fillingame last week.
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Alexander spent Christmas Day with his parents in Elkton.
Miss Ethel Ellison, of St. Augustine, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ida Gouchelle.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lake have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lovell.
Dr. Harry Cleaver, of Wilmington, spent one day last week with his father, Mr. T. J. Cleaver.
Misses Lula and Laura Titter have returned to Clifton Heights, Pa., after visiting Mrs. Rebecca Jefferson.
Miss Myrtle Channell and Miss Anna Davidson, of Philadelphia, visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Davidson last week.
Mrs. E. C. Campbell and Miss Florence Whitley, of Elkton, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Woolley.
Mr. Z. T. Loveless will entertain a few of his friends on Saturday evening, January 4, in honor of his twenty-first birthday.
Miss Sadie Tatman has returned to Baltimore, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tatman.

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Ladies' and Misses' Suits

A few broken sizes—all colors
\$18.00 Suits, \$ 9.00
20.00 Suits, 10.00
30.00 Suits, 15.00

Ladies' & Misses' Coats

In all lengths, loose, tight and semi-fitting backs.
All colors.
\$ 7.00 Coats, \$ 3.50
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12.00 " 6.00
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16.00 " 8.00
20.00 " 12.50

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About 800 Skirts to choose from. All colors, all sizes, of different kinds and materials.
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Tabulated Analyses of Commercial Fertilizers, November, 1907.

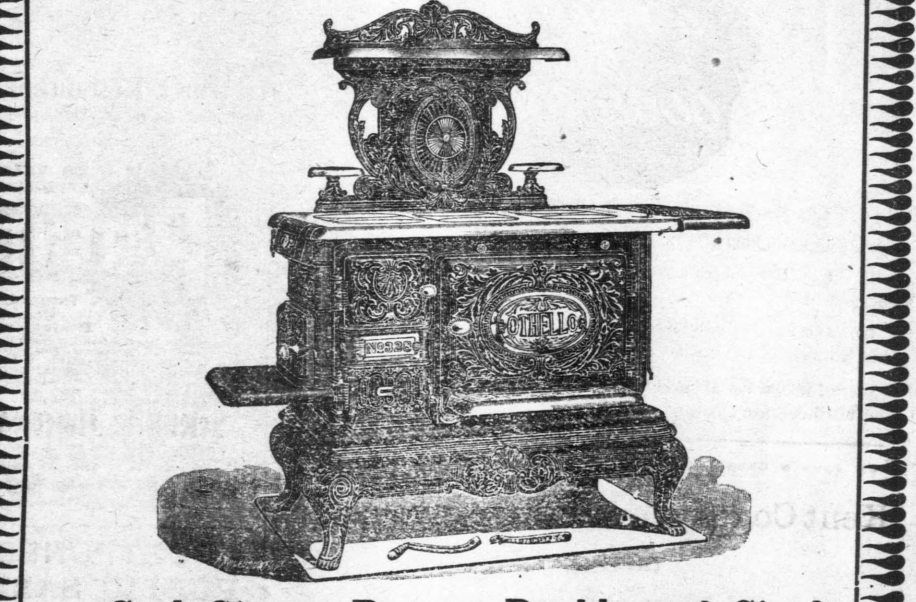
By DR. T. R. WOLF, State Chemist.

The valuations are based on the following figures:—Ammonia, 16 cents per pound; Available Phosphoric Acid in Mixed Fertilizers, 5 1/2 cents per pound; In Dissolved S. C. Rock, 4 1/2 cents per pound. Insoluble Phosphoric Acid in Mixed Fertilizers, 2 cents per pound; In Dissolved S. C. Rock, 1 cent per pound; Phosphoric Acid in Ground Bone, 4 cents per pound; Potash, 5 cents per pound.

Name of Fertilizer	Name and Address of Manufacturer	Where Sampled	Minimum Guarantee	Ammonia, Avail. Phos. Acid, Insoluble Phos. Acid, Potash, Valuation
Superior Bone Phosphate	L. C. Rogers, Frederica, Del.	Frederica	1 1/2 - 7 - 1 1/2	1.17 0.30 0.73 0.45 18.41
High Grade Reliable Crop Grower	Farmers' Preserving Co., Rising Sun, Del.	Rising Sun	2 - 9 - 2	1.50 1.06 1.44 3.51 20.96
Prior's L. & P. Phosphate	L. M. Prior, Smyrna, Del.	Smyrna	1 - 9 - 3	1.11 0.56 1.29 3.34 17.93
Ober's Diss. Bone Phosphate and Potash	G. Ober & Sons Co., Baltimore	Middletown	1 - 12 - 2	13.36 0.11 1.12 1.74 8.2
Armour's Phosphate and Potash	The Armour Fertilizer Works, Baltimore	Harrington	12 - 5	12.09 0.42 5.22 16.27
Armour's Wheat Special	The Armour Fertilizer Works, Baltimore	Harrington	1 - 8 - 2	1.04 0.25 0.40 1.18 14.77
Armour's Grain Grower	The Armour Fertilizer Works, Baltimore	Harrington	2 - 8 - 2	2.39 0.56 1.29 3.40 21.25
Draper, Davis & Co. Special Wheat Phosphate	Draper, Davis & Co., Milford, Del.	Bridgeville	2 - 9 - 2 1/2	1.54 1.06 0.27 3.38 21.00
Woolley's No. 3 Grain Fertilizer	A. S. Woolley Co., Seaford, Del.	Seaford	1 - 8 - 2	1.13 0.49 0.64 1.82 13.94
Woolley's No. 2 Bone Fertilizer	A. S. Woolley Co., Seaford, Del.	Seaford	2 - 8 - 4	1.88 0.54 0.82 4.73 22.78
Woolley's Bone and Potash	American Agri. Chem. Co., New York	Smyrna	12 - 3	12.14 0.89 3.22 14.33
Klondike Fish and Potash Mixture	L. F. P. Dennis & Son, Oriskany, Md.	Laurel	1 1/2 - 3 - 1 1/2	1.57 0.61 0.41 1.22 14.45
Alkaline Bone	L. P. Thomas & Son Co., Philadelphia	Leipsic	10 - 2	10.45 0.75 2.40 11.96
Tyger's Soluble Bone and Potash	J. E. Tyger Co., Philadelphia	Smyrna	10 - 2	10.55 0.62 2.14 11.77
Tyger's Standard Bone Phosphate	J. E. Tyger Co., Philadelphia	Smyrna	2 - 8 - 2	1.98 0.84 1.29 3.41 18.59
Spring Crop Grower	Griffith & Boyd Co., Baltimore	Newark	1 - 8 - 2 1/2	1.59 0.56 1.22 4.20 20.85
Raugh's Peninsula Grain Producer	Baugh & Sons Co., Baltimore	Carefree	1 - 8 - 2	1.28 0.36 1.02 2.57 16.71
Laugh's Wheat Fertilizer	Baugh & Sons Co., Baltimore	Newark	2 - 8 - 2	2.29 0.51 0.98 2.12 18.30
Our Victor Fertilizer	W. W. Hubbard, Chestertown, Md.	Smyrna	1 - 8 - 2	1.31 0.79 0.43 3.22 16.15
More Phillip's Standard Guano	American Agri. Chem. Co., New York	Grubbs	2 - 10 - 2	10.37 0.84 2.04 11.54
Lazaretto High Grade Diss. Bone and Potash	American Agri. Chem. Co., New York	Frederica	2 - 8 - 2	1.00 0.75 0.82 4.45 17.61
Reese's Special Crown Phosphate and Potash	American Agri. Chem. Co., New York	Smyrna	12 - 5	12.37 1.40 4.86 16.27
Lister's "G" Brand	American Agri. Chem. Co., New York	Middletown	14 - 8	14.44 1.01
Pollock's Dissolved S. C. Bone	Lister's Agri. Chem. Wks., Newark, N.J.	Harmony	1 - 8 - 4	1.19 0.20 0.77 4.09 18.25
Pollock's Victor Bone Phosphate	Pollock Fertilizer Co., Baltimore	Mt. Cuba	14 - 1	14.07 0.75
Pollock's Special Wheat Grower	Pollock Fertilizer Co., Baltimore	Mt. Cuba	1 - 8 - 2	0.94 0.50 0.62 2.25 15.36
Pollock's Crop Invigorator	Pollock Fertilizer Co., Baltimore	Smyrna	1 - 8 - 4	1.13 0.70 0.50 4.45 19.01
Chieftein	Robt. A. Woodbridge Co., Baltimore	Hockessin	2 - 8 - 2	1.86 0.90 0.92 2.11 18.45
Coon Brand Guano	Patasco Guano Co., Baltimore	Seaford	1 - 0 - 3	1.23 0.21 0.33 3.38 18.10
A. A. Acid Phosphate	Piedmont-Mt. Airy Guano Co., Baltimore	Seaford	1 1/2 - 7 - 0	0.77 0.25 0.41 2.09 15.81
Rasin's Bone and Potash Fertilizer	John Whann & Son, Philadelphia	Odesa	14 - 1	14.49 0.66
Rasin's Special Bone and Potash	Rasin-Monumental Co., Baltimore	Townsend	10 - 2	0.10 1.02 2.22 2.00 11.92
Rasin's Special Bone and Potash	Rasin-Monumental Co., Baltimore	Townsend	10 - 5	0.20 1.05 2.32 5.01 15.87
Rasin's Special Bone and Potash	Rasin-Monumental Co., Baltimore	Mt. Pleasant	12 - 3	0.27 1.08 2.92 5.65 15.57
Rasin's Wheat Potash Mixture	Rasin-Monumental Co., Baltimore	Dagsboro	10 - 5	0.20 1.04 0.56 4.04 15.97
Scrub Bone and Potash	Reading Bone Fertilizer Co., Reading, Pa.	Hockessin	10 - 2	11.76 0.46 1.84 12.91
Farmers' Bone and Potash	Reading Bone Fertilizer Co., Reading, Pa.	Thompson	1 - 8 - 4	1.14 0.63 2.14 3.87 17.87
Special Spring Mixture	Baltimore Pulverizing Co., Baltimore	Stockley	8 - 1	8.44 0.56 1.79 5.20
Eastern Shore Corn Grower	Baltimore Pulverizing Co., Baltimore	Stockley	10 - 2	10.63 1.27 2.22 11.89
Special Strawberry Compound	Baltimore Pulverizing Co., Baltimore	Bridgeville	4 - 5 - 3	2.51 0.25 0.99 2.89 20.40
Trucker's Choice	Baltimore Pulverizing Co., Baltimore	Schellville	3 - 8 - 1 1/2	1.09 1.24 0.92 1.95 21.08
Schellville Potash	Baltimore Pulverizing Co., Baltimore	Schellville	6 - 3 - 4	3.09 0.70 0.55 4.19 26.83
Harvest King	Acme Guano Co., Baltimore	Seaford	10 - 0 - 0	8.81 4.12 5.92 12.71

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W. A. Conneys, J. B. Messick, H. L. Davis, C. F. Cochran, W. B. Biggs, Joshua Clayton, Jr., W. S. Ellison, W. S. Lethbrury, Cyrus Tatman, Geo. Eichenhofer, Julian Cochran, N. J. Williams, J. L. Parsons, G. Ellis, Albert Price, John D. Gill, Joseph Gary, Harry C. McIntire, Corbit Vinard, John P. McIntire.
ALEXANDER MAXWELL
Middletown, Del., Nov. 30th, 1907.

NOTICE!

The Annual Meeting of the
Cantwell Mutual Insurance Co.
Will be held at the hotel of J. HARRY MASSEY, in Odesa, Delaware,
Monday, Jan. 6th, '08
At which time seven (7) Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premium on Deposit Notes at the rate of five (5) per cent. will be required to be paid.
The Directors have declared a dividend of ten (10) per cent. out of the Surplus Fund. On all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 6th, 1908.
Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M., and 1 o'clock P. M.
DANIEL W. CORBIT, President.
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.
Odesa, Del., Dec. 11th, 1907.

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POPULAR CORNER STORE

Stock-Taking Sale!

Next week we will have our annual stock-taking sale, and all goods will be reduced.
All Men's Clothing reduced one third; \$12 Suits, now \$8.00; \$10.00 Suits, now \$6.75; \$9.00 Suits, now \$6.00.
"Merit Brand" Overcoats, \$15.00, now \$10.00; Overcoats \$10.00, now \$7.00; Overcoats \$9.00, now \$5.50.
LADIES LONG BLAK LOOSE-FITTING COATS.
These coats are all the style this year. Were selling \$7.50, \$6 and \$5 for this sale \$3.50, \$4 and \$3.
Men's Oxford Sweater coats with blue button bands and white buttons. Sweater coats are very popular this year especially this style. They are all wool and close ribbed. Were \$3 now \$1.98.
Ladies' \$1.50 wrappers for this sale \$3.98
These wrappers are made of flannelette and we have them in all sizes and colors, trimmed with braid on collars and cuffs and button cuffs.

S. BURSTAN
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

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Mails Close as Follows:
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 8 p. m.
For Delaware—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 8 p. m.
For Washington, Cecilton and Harville 8:20 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 4, 1908.

Local News

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

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FOR RENT—Dwelling on Green street. Apply to N. J. WILLIAMS.

HORSE SHOEING—Plain 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. C. GREEN.

FOR RENT—Stable, West Main street, occupied by Harry W. Richards. G. E. HICKILL.

Gold Crown, Bridges and Platework made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

FOR RENT—House and stable, East Main St. Occupied by J. S. Price (Team man). G. E. HICKILL.

A New Demorest Sewing Machine will be sold for the want of one. Apply to J. F. McKEWENNA, Middletown, Del.

Dr. M. B. Burston, Eye Specialist and Optician. Eyes examined free. All work guaranteed. East Main St., Middletown.

Best make of Corsets "Crescent" Henderson, and "Colton's" Inevitable Lacing. One dollar goods at 90c. Large stock to select from. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

FOR RENT—Building on North Broad street, now occupied by The New Era. Possession given March 25th, 1908. Apply to W. B. BIGGS.

"Do you want to get a good dress free? We can tell you how. Answer this 'Ad' asking for samples. Economy Furnishing Co., 805 Elliott Square, Buffalo, N. Y.

Don't miss attending the Big Bargain Sale, in Disks, Enamel ware, Notions, Dry Goods, Pictures and Pottery Goods, 3,000 pieces to go at 10 cents each. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

The gunning season for rabbits, quail, squirrel and other game closed Tuesday, and while none of the local gunners made large bags, game was plentiful as usual.

Mr. W. W. Allen, of Earleville, Md., who recently purchased the baking business of the late Paul Weber, moved his family on Wednesday, and is occupying the dwelling on North Broad street vacated by Leon deValinger.

Perfect fitting Wrappers, Shirtwaist Suits, Muslin and Cambric Underwear. All my own make. Orders taken and garments made on short notice. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Dec. 26th: Mrs. Mary Berry, Mr. William Ollie Drain, Mr. Thomas Goseberry, Mr. James Jackson, Mr. George Wallace, Mr. Thomas Wilson.

While so many papers and magazines are increasing their price, for reasons given under this heading, THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, is trying to keep at the old price of \$1 a year. But in order for us to do so, each and every subscriber must pay their dues—we can't afford to carry any dead heads.

Wilmington's record as Greta Green was well sustained in 1907, according to the records of the Board of Health, which show that 2301 marriages were performed there during the year, between 1840 in 1906. More than half the couples were from other cities, principally Philadelphia.

The Christmas treat to the Primary Department of Bethesda M. E. Sabbath School was held in the church on Tuesday evening last. A box of candy and an orange was given each scholar. There was a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus, which was a pleasing feature. A nice little program was rendered by the little ones, which was enjoyed by a large audience. The good things for the children was the gift of one of our generous and liberal citizens.

The week of prayer will begin on tomorrow, Sunday, and the Forest Presbyterian Church will hold services every evening of next week, except Saturday evening. The following are the subjects for prayer: Sunday, January 5th, "The Promises of God." Monday, "Things Unseen and Eternal." Tuesday, "The Triumphs of Faith." Wednesday, "The Church made Truly Glorious." Thursday, "Missions, Home and Foreign." Friday, "Interpenetration the Master Social Course and Christian Union." All cordially invited.

The Leap Year Dance given on New Year's night by the young ladies of Middletown was a grand success, and the participants were well pleased with the excellent music furnished by Elliott's Orchestra. While the attendance was not so large as some of the previous dances given in our town, the event was none the less enjoyable. Refreshments were served at midnight. The patronesses: Mrs. Willard B. Biggs, Mrs. Frank E. Pool, Mrs. Howard A. Pool, Mrs. George V. Peverley, Mrs. David Gibbs, and Mrs. George Janvier.

Whatever the past year may have meant to us, let us make it dead history. But let the new year be a living issue. With a big fresh sponge, dripping with the clear water of forgiveness, let us wipe clean the slate of our hearts and enter new with a kind thought for every one. We need not him the hands that smote us, but grasp it in cordial good feeling and let the electricity of our own resolve find its connecting current, which very often exists where we think it not. Let us make the new year a happy one in our homes, be bright of disposition, carry our cares easy, let our hearts be as sunshine and our lives will give warmth to all around us, and thus may we, by so living, be the means of helping others to better and nobler lives.

DELAWARE BOY SUCCEEDS IN WEST

Here is what a Delaware boy can do out west: Herbert N. Bickline, son of John Bickline, of near Willow Grove, west, west a few years ago. He arrived at Greeley, Colorado, without any cash, worked three years without losing a day, and saved \$800 in that time. He had saved \$2,400 seven years ago, when he purchased an 80 acre farm for \$4,700, giving a mortgage for the balance. On the first day of the year he cleared \$50,000. He finished paying for the farm and built a five brick house on it. Today he is the leading potato grower of Greeley, which is one of the finest potato country in the United States. He is also the most successful around farmer in that vicinity. He raised 30,000 sacks of potatoes this year and has sold 15,000 bushels of them for seed potatoes at an advance of 25c per sack above the local market price. The product of his 412 acres of farm land this year is valued at \$34,000. He is largely interested in irrigating canals and farmers produce exchange. He and his farm associates will probably found a Farmers' National Bank next spring in Greeley, where he contemplates moving a \$6,000 residence, retiring from active farming and educating his children at the schools. He has returned from New Mexico, where he purchased 1,000 acres to feed during the winter. He is highly respected by all classes and is worth from \$60,000 to \$70,000.—Ex.

CLOTHING STORE ROBBED

At an early hour Monday morning the clothing store of S. Burston, at the corner of Broad and Main streets was robbed and there is no clue for the police to work on. They gained an entrance by breaking the lock on the large gates in front of the store doors on Main street, and they breaking the plate glass in one of the doors. This done it was an easy matter to manipulate the dead latch.

After getting inside then selected several of the best overcoats, five suits of clothing, five pairs of shoes, several pairs of pants and two dress suits each, and departed by one of the side door on Broad street. Mr. Burston's loss will amount to more than \$100.00, and the question many of our merchants and other business men are asking is: "Where was the night watchman?" The robbery occurred in one of the most public places in our business section, and yet it was not discovered until the next morning, and then by a workman while passing the place.

WORKHOUSE BALANCE FOR YEAR

The annual report of the trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse shows the average daily population of the institution to have been 284. The greatest number of prisoners confined was 341 on August 29th. The smallest number was 241 on January 19th.

During the year there were received into the workhouse 1,850 prisoners and 1,802 discharged.

The report says this shifting population is much greater than that taken care of in many of the large State prisons and is caused by the great number of short term prisoners.

This wide greatly to the care and labor of the officers, as each new short term inmate have the same attention when committed as the long term one. In November alone 39 men were committed for five days each. During the year 787 men have been committed for 10 days each.

The work of the prisoners has gone on without interruption during the year. The long term men are working in the clothing department, and the short term men are working in the quarry and on the farm.

The financial report showed receipts of \$77,045.12, including \$16,520.61 on hand at the first of the year; disbursements of \$65,768.82, leaving a balance of \$11,286.30.

MORE HORSE STEALING AT TOWNSEND

TOWNSEND, Dec. 31.—While attending the Christmas treat and entertainment on Tuesday night, William Timmons, Jr., a well-known farmer near town, had his team stolen. Mr. Timmons left his team securely hitched under the shed at the local hotel at about six o'clock in the evening, but could find no trace of the missing team when he went for it. The whereabouts of the team was learned late on Christmas day when it was found along the public road about two miles from the Timmons farm. The horse was unharnessed when discovered. Owing to the fact that horse stealing is on the increase in this section it is said that the horsemen will form a vigilance committee to put an end to the practice as speedily as possible.

PREPARING FOR MILFORD POSTOFFICE

The Federal authorities held a rather unique auction at Milford when they sold the buildings and improvements on the site which the government has purchased for the new United States post office. Builders got into a dispute as to whether the old historic brick residence and office on the site could be profitably moved, and W. H. Hires finally bid and got it for \$10. William H. Davis bought the fencing for \$7.75, c. s. for \$1, grape arbor 1.45 and the brick walks for \$3.10. A portable frame dwelling or annex was purchased by John Tucker for \$77. Two dwellings on the site, which can be moved, were bid in by the committee and will be removed to other building sites.

THIEVES OPERATE ABOUT MILLINGTON

A second visit was made to the home of Mr. J. Edward Harlock, Millington, by thieves on Saturday evening before Christmas. In the first instance the thief entered by the front door and a strong bolt was put on. This time he came in the back way and left this note on the table: "I have called again. I do not want your silverware, but want money and a dress for my wife. Ever drawer in the house seemed to have been tampered but no money was taken as Mr. Harlock keeps his money in bank. However the thief walked off with a new dress belonging to Miss Harlock. The dress had never been worn.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. POARD.
Wheat—No. 1 \$ 9.98 Corn—No. 2 5.50
Yellow shelled 55
Timothy Seed \$2.75
Clover Seed 1.15 Oats—No. 1 60
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz. 28c
Country Butter, per lb. 30c
Creamery Butter, per lb. 37c
Live Chickens, per lb. 12c
Potatoes 45

PERSIANITIES

Miss Ada... been visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Rose... Weber spent this week with friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Annie O'Day, of Seaford, is the guest of Mrs. J. L. Allen.

Miss Lillian A. Downey is spending several days in Townsend.

Miss Lulu Vinyard spent several days of this week in Wilmington.

Miss Anna Cacy, of Massy, Md., is the guest of Mrs. A. M. Chamberlain.

Mr. David Lesheim, of Wilmington, visited friends in town on Thursday.

Miss Mabel Murphy, of Baltimore, Md., is the guest of Miss Jeannette Schreitz.

Miss Maude Cirkran, of Centerville, Md., is the guest of Miss Helen Bice.

Miss Louise Eichenhofer, of Philadelphia, has been the guest of relatives here.

Miss Elizabeth Lemnavor, of Philadelphia, is visiting her cousin, Miss Leah Berkman.

Miss Josephine S. Monson, of Summit Bridge, spent Saturday with Miss Maude Daakye.

Mrs. W. R. Parker and son Alden spent several days this week with her parents in Dover.

Master Samuel Chertok, of Costesville, Pa., has been visiting his uncle, Mr. A. Fogel and family.

Mrs. Viola Matthews, of Connelleville, Pa., was the guest of her numerous friends in town on Saturday.

Mr. Morris Fogel, of New York, was the guest of his brother, Mr. A. Fogel, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley and little daughter, of Wilmington, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Miss Sophia E. Blome is spending some time with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. William McCleary, in Dover.

Miss Della Muehlberg, of Camden, N. J., was a guest at the home of Mrs. R. Weber several days this week.

Miss Jeannette Schreitz and friend, Miss Mabel Murphy, witnessed the New Year's parade in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whitesell, of Wilmington, were the guests of his sister, Mrs. George Minner, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Horn and daughter, Miss Eliza, were guests of relatives near Bear Station on New Year's day.

Mr. Fred Cronch left Wednesday for Atlantic City, N. J., where he has accepted a position at the Brighton Casino.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Comery, of Philadelphia, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comery, on New Year's day.

Mr. Eugene H. Shallcross, of Detroit, Mich., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shallcross, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Mendinall and children, of Wilmington, spent New Year's day with her father, Mr. Charles P. Cochran.

Mr. John J. Jolls, who has been confined to his bed with typhoid fever for several weeks, is improving, and hopes soon to be out again.

Mr. Ringold Richards is confined to his home on East Main street with typhoid fever, but is reported to be improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Doughty and son, of Haddonfield, N. J.; Miss Harriet Leach, of Bristol, Pa.; and Miss Edith Taylor, of Quebec, Canada, are visiting Mr. G. V. Peverley and family.

TOWNSEND

Fresh oysters every day at H. GILL'S. Miss Lillian West, is visiting Miss Elsie B. Carey, near Smyrna.

Ernest Jones, of Wilmington, has been visiting his cousin, Daniel Jones.

Miss Lillian Hart has returned home after visiting Wilmington friends.

Howard Hutchison, of Philadelphia, visited town on Thursday and Friday last.

Miss Helen Weldon, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Rhodes, here.

Miss Ethel Lee is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. John Morris, near Smyrna.

Miss Muriel Beauchamp, of Harrington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Reynolds.

Revival services have commenced in the M. E. Church and will continue for an indefinite time.

Misses Mable, Ivy and Helen Hodson, of Wyoming, have been the guests of Miss Beulah Hodgson.

D. Edward Atwell, of West Chester, Pa., spent the Christmas holidays with his parents here.

Elmer Pritchard and wife, of Philadelphia, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Pritchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shuster, of Wilmington, visited D. B. Maloney and family over Sunday.

Miss Beulah Buckson has returned home, after spending sometime with relatives in Wilmington.

Leroy Lockerman, of Wilmington, has been spending sometime with his parents, B. A. Lockerman and wife.

Misses Grace and Reba Burris and Miss Crosey, of Clayton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Satterfield over Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Basin, of Still Pond, and Mrs. Annie Stevens and little daughter, Hilda, of Clayton, have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. J. S. Latona.

DEATH OF WILLIAM H. MOSEY

William H. Mosey, a prominent citizen of Townsend, died at his home on Main street at 11 o'clock Friday night, of a complication of diseases. He had been ill for several weeks and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Mosey took an active part in Republican politics, and he was well known throughout the county. In February, 1905, he was appointed tax collector for Appoquinimink hundred, which position he held up to the time of his death. Mr. Mosey was in his sixtieth year of age and besides a wife, he is survived by a son and daughter who are William C. Mosey, a well known business man of Townsend, and Miss Mary Mosey, also of Townsend. Funeral services were held at his late residence Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, and the interment was made in the Townsend cemetery.

ODESSA

Miss Geneva Ward is spending some time with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Miss Lillian Mosey is spending this week with friends in Philadelphia.

Richard Dalia and wife, of Philadelphia, are visiting his father, Elwood Dalia.

Miss Anna May Barry has returned from a visit with her sister in Kentucky,ville, Md.

Willard E. Spicer has returned home, after spending last week with his sister in Stokely.

Miss Alice McCoy, of Wilmington, spent the holidays with her parents, J. C. McCoy and wife.

Miss Rachel Miffin, of Ridley Park, is being entertained by her cousin, Miss Marion Miffin.

Mrs. Emma McChellan has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Devald Rhoads, of Wilmington, spent New Year's day with his parents, George W. Rhoads and wife.

Rev. Charles K. Gibson, of Hyde, Pa., preached in St. Paul's M. E. Church on Sunday morning last.

Mr. John Watkins, wife and two daughters have returned from a visit with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Carrie Mulberger left Monday for Philadelphia, where she will spend sometime with relatives.

Mr. G. Carson Boyd and two daughters, of Wilmington, visited her parents, William Tucker and wife last week.

Mr. Edmund Stevens, of Scranton, Pa., spent several days of last week with his mother, Mrs. E. S. Stevens, near town.

Miss Frances Aspliff has returned to Wilmington, after spending the holidays with her parents, L. V. Aspliff and wife.

Mr. Frank Davis, wife and two sons, of Middletown, spent Christmas week with her parents, Harrison Vandegrift and wife.

Mrs. Willard E. Spicer entertained part of last week Samuel Spicer and sister, Miss Anna, and Miss Ethel Marker, of near town.

Dr. E. Ballard Lodge, of Kent, Ohio, is spending some time with his wife, at the home of her parents, George L. Townsend and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Webb and two children, of Wilmington, spent a few days of last week at the home of Harry Lightcap and wife.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry F. Smythe and little son and Mrs. Brackett, Mrs. Smythe's mother, spent last week with friends in Philadelphia.

Epworth League services will be held as usual on Sunday night, beginning at 6:45 o'clock. Mr. Joseph Rhoads, leader. Everyone is invited to be present.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America gave a supper to the members and their friends on New Year's night, and quite a number were present. After the supper dancing was indulged in.

WARWICK

Miss Ethora R. Finley, of Cowestown, is visiting Mrs. Wilson Merritt.

Mrs. Turner and daughter, Mrs. Wilson, of Washington, are ill at the perage.

Miss Ella G. Lynch, of Elkton, is spending this week with Mrs. Anne Wilson.

Miss A. Estelle Marsh and brother were Philadelphia visitors on Wednesday last.

Miss Bessie H. Gunkle spent from Tuesday until Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Messrs. A. R. Merritt and W. J. B. Lofland were Philadelphia visitors this week.

Rev. C. M. Cullom will begin his revival services to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Washington Camp, No. 8, elected their officers last Tuesday evening to serve the ensuing term.

The young people of our town gave Miss Emma Vinyard a tin shower on Monday evening last.

After being confined to his room for several weeks with typhoid fever, Mr. Walter Schriver is now able to be out.

Mr. John L. Lattomus entertained on Sunday Mrs. Howard Smith, of Sunday, and Mr. Lattomus and son, of near Wilmington.

Among the prettiest Xmas trees that we notice were those of Master's Curtis Vinyard, Wilson Cullom, Anne Wilson, Frank Marsh, Samuel Hoes and Marie DeVine.

On Tuesday last Mr. R. D. Aiken moved from the Lipiccon property to his farm in Sassafras neck. Mr. Cornelius Davis goes in the property vacated by Mr. Aiken. Mr. Travis occupies the Vinyard property vacated by Mr. George Moore.

W. H. Merritt will go in the property vacated by Mr. J. Hoes. Mr. Hues goes on the Merritt property vacated by Ollie Burton.

CECILTON

Miss Eddie Ferguson spent Thursday with her mother here.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son Edgar are visiting relatives in Townsend.

Mrs. A. Burke was the guest of Mrs. William Luther on Sunday.

Miss Emma and Blanche Brown are visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Bertha Knock, of Earleville, is the guest of Miss Mary Blackway this week.

Julian Smith is spending several days of this week with friends in Chestertown.

Miss Annie Richards, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Miss Mollie Richards.

Miss Hester Ferguson, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.

Mr. John Blackway, of Middletown, was entertained on Sunday by Mr. R. W. Blackway.

Mr. George Padley, wife, daughter and two sons spent Christmas day with relatives in Chesapeake City.

ST. GEORGE

Herbert Hopkins was in Wilmington part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. S. Gam were Felton visitors part of last week.

Mrs. Rachel Nelson has returned home, after an extended visit among her children.

Mrs. Rachel Hudson has returned from a five weeks' visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts and two children are visiting her parents, near Glasgow.

C. Corbit Davidson is spending the holidays with his parents, A. J. Davidson and family.

Harry Porter, of Newark, spent New Year's with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Aspliff.

Clayton Riley spent Saturday and Sunday with Clarence Pool and family, at McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanHekle and son Warren spent Monday with F. P. VanHekle and family.

Mrs. William Heavell and children spent two days last week with Miss Maude Heavell, near Port Penn.

Mrs. Alfred Hughes and Mrs. Patton, of Wilmington, are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Swain.

Miss Daisy Clark returned to Wilmington on Thursday, after spending New Year's day with H. C. Clark and sister.

Mrs. A. N. Sutton and Edward Gam are on the sick list, but we are glad to state at this writing they are both improving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davidson spent Thursday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cooling Haman, near Delaware City.

PUBLIC SALES

MONDAY, JANUARY 6th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by M. A. Roberts, on the road leading from Townsend to Dexter's Corner. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by D. W. Corbit, on the W. & P. Money farm, on the road leading from Oles to a Stump Corner. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by L. Frank Ellison, on "Maple Valley Stock Farm," one mile from Kirkwood. Geo. E. Davis, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1908.—Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by William H. Money, on the Bingham farm, near Thomas' Corner. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1908.—Public sale of stock farm implements, etc., by Daniel Corbit, at his farm on the road from Odesa to Thomas' Landing. Joe. M. Armstrong, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Alex. P. Corbit, at his farm, at Thomas' Landing, 3 miles east of Odesa. Joe. M. Armstrong, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Clara A. Shookley, on the Alexander Maxwell farm, one mile north of Middletown. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Garrett Ochoon, at his farm, 3 miles south of St. Georges. H. V. Beckson, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by W. G. Knotts, on the "Eugene Hanson Farm," on the Levels, 2 1/2 miles west of Townsend. Joseph M. Armstrong, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by LeRoy Roberts, on the "T. A. Rees Farm," one mile south of Chesapeake City, Md. Mr. Biles, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by H. L. Neff, on the John Drummond farm in Middle Neck. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by George H. Swain, near St. Georges. H. V. Beckson, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by C. W. Davis, on the Levels.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Julius Clayton, on Bohemia Manor. Geo. W. Padley, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 1908.—Public sale of stock by Townsend Warren on the "Preston Lee Farm," on the road leading from Townsend to Dexter's Corner. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3d, 1908.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by W. H. Money, on the Samuel Townsend farm, at Townsend. W. Harmon Reynolds, Auctioneer.

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NEW YEAR IRRESOLUTIONS

BY HELEN ROWLAND

Isn't it hard, said the widow, glancing ruefully at the mantel-piece, to know where to begin reforming yourself?

Great heavens! exclaimed the bachelor, you are not going to do anything like that, are you?

The widow pointed solemnly to the hands of the clock, which indicated 11:30, and then to the calendar, on which hung one fluttering leaf marked December 31.

It is time, she sighed, to begin mental house-cleaning; to sweep out our collection of last year's follies and dust off our petty sins and fling away our old vices and—

That's the trouble! bled in the bachelor. It's so hard to know just what to throw away and what to keep. Making New Year's resolutions is like doing the spring house-cleaning, clearing out a drawer full of old letters and sentimental rubbish. You know there are lots of things you ought to get rid of, and that are just in the way, and that you would be better off without, but the minute you make up your mind to part with anything, even a tiny, insignificant vice, it suddenly becomes so dear and attractive that you repent and begin to take a new interest in it. The only time I ever had to be taken home in a cab was the day after I promised to sign the pledge, and the bachelor sighed reminiscently.

And the only time I ever drew my bank account, declared the widow, was the day after I had resolved to economize. I suppose, she added pensively, that the best way to begin would be to pick out the worst vice and discard that.

And that will leave heaps of room for the others and for a lot of new little sins, beside, won't it, agreed the bachelor cheerfully. Well, he added philosophically, I'll give up murdering.

What! the widow started. Don't you want me to ask the bachelor plaintively, rubbing his bald spot. Or perhaps I might resolve not to commit highway robbery any more or to stop forging—or—

All of which is so easy! broke in the widow sarcastically. There'd be some glory and reason in giving up a big vice, sighed the bachelor, if a fellow had one. But the trouble is that most of us men haven't any big criminal tendencies, merely a heap of little follies and weaknesses that there isn't any particular virtue in sacrificing or any particular harm in keeping.

And which you always do keep in spite of all your New Year's vows, remarked the widow ironically.

Huh! The bachelor laughed cynically. It's our New Year's vows that help us to keep 'em. The very fact that a fellow has sworn to forego anything, whether it's a habit or a girl, makes it more attractive. I've thrown away a whole box of cigars with the finest intentions in the world and then gotten up in the middle of the night to fish the pieces out of the waste basket. And that midnight smoke was the sweetest I ever had. It was sweeter than the apples I stole when I was a kid and the kisses I stole when—

If you came here to dilate on the joys of sin, Mr. Travers, began the widow coldly.

And, proceeded the bachelor, I've made up my mind to stop flirting with a girl, because I found out that she was beginning to—

I understand, interrupted the widow sympathetically.

And, by Jove! finished the bachelor, I had to restrain myself to keep from going back and proposing to her!

How lucky you did! commented the widow witheringly.

But I wouldn't have, explained the bachelor ruefully, if the girl had restrained herself.

Nevertheless, repeated the widow. It was lucky—for the girl.

Which girl? asked the bachelor. The girl I broke off with or that came afterward?

I suppose, mused the widow, ignoring the levity and leaning over to arrange a bunch of violets at her belt, that is why it is so difficult for a man to keep a promise or a vow—even a marriage vow.

Oh, I don't know. The bachelor leaned back and regarded the widow's coquet braid through the smoke of his cigar. It isn't the marriage vows that are so difficult to keep. It's the fool vows a man makes before marriage and the fool promises he

makes afterward that he stumbles over and falls down on.

The marriage vows are so big and vague that you can get all around them without actually breaking them, but if they should interpolate concrete questions into the service such as, Do you, William, promise not to growl at the coffee?

Or, Do you, Mary, promise never to put a dab of powder on your nose again? broke in the widow.

Nor to look twice at your pretty stenographer, continued the bachelor.

Nor to lie about your waist measure.

Nor to juggle with the truth whenever you stay out after half past ten.

Nor to things that—that anybody—except your husband may say to you in the conservatory—oh, I see how it feels! finished the widow with a sympathetic little shudder.

And yet, reflected the bachelor, a woman is always exacting vows and promises from the man she loves, always putting up bars—for him to jump over; when if she would only leave him alone he would be perfectly contented to stay within bounds and graze in his own pasture. A man hates being pinned down; but a woman doesn't want anything around that she can't pin down, from her belt to her hat and her husband.

Well, pretested the widow studying the toe of her slipper, it is a satisfaction to know you've got your husband fastened on straight by his promises and held in place by his own vows and that he loves you.

Usually, interrupted the bachelor, a man loves you in inverse ratio to his protestations. The lover who promises all things without reserve is too often like the fellow who doesn't question the hotel bill nor ask the price of the wine, because he doesn't intend to pay it anyway. The fellow who is prodigal with his vows and promises and poetry is generally the one to whom such things mean nothing and being of no value, can be flung about generously to every girl he meets.

The firm with the biggest front office is likely to be the one with the smallest deposit in the safe. The man who swears off loudest on New Year's is usually the one they have to carry home the morning after. And the chap who promises a girl a life of roses is the one who will let her pick all the thorns off for herself.

Perhaps, sighed the widow, chewing the stem of a violet thoughtfully, the best way to cure a man of taste for anything, after all, is to let him have too much of it instead of making him swear off. If you want him to hate the smell of a pipe insist on his smoking all the time. If you want him to sign the temperance pledge, serve him wine with every course. If you want him to hate a woman invite her to meet him every time he calls, and tell him how suitable she would be.

And if you want him to love you, finished the bachelor, don't ask him to swear it, but tell him that he really ought not to.

The best way to manage a donkey—human or otherwise—is to turn his head in the wrong direction and he'll back in the right one.

Then, said the widow decisively, we ought to begin the New Year by making some irresolutions.

Some—what?

Vows that we won't stop doing the things we ought not to do, explained the widow.

All right, agreed the bachelor thoughtfully, I'll make an irresolution to go on making love to you as much as I like.

You mean, as much as I like, Mr. Travers, corrected the widow severely.

How much do you like? asked the bachelor, leaning over to look into the widow's eyes.

The widow kicked the corner of the rug tentatively.

I like—all but the proposing, she said slowly. You really ought to stop that!

I'm going to stop it—to-night. The widow looked up in alarm.

Oh, you don't have to commence keeping your resolutions until to-morrow morning, she said quickly.

And are you going to stop refusing me—to-night, continued the bachelor firmly.

The widow studied the corner of the rug with great concern.

And, went on the bachelor, taking something from his pocket and toying with it thought-

fully, you are going to put on this ring—he leaned over, caught the widow's hand and slipped the glittering thing on her third finger. Now, he began, you are going to say that you will—

The widow sprang up suddenly.

Oh, don't, don't, don't! she cried. In a moment we'll be making promises!

We don't need to, said the bachelor, leaning back nonchalantly, we can begin by making arrangements. Would you prefer to live in town or at Taxedo? And do you think Europe or Bermuda the best place for the—

Bermuda, by all means, broke in the widow, and I wish you'd have that hideous portico taken off your town house, Billy, and—

But the rest of her words were smothered in the bachelor's coat lapel—and something else.

Then you do mean to marry me after all! cried the bachelor triumphantly.

The widow gasped for breath and patted her hair anxiously.

I—I meant to marry you all the time! she cried, but I never thought you were really in earnest and—

Methinks, quoted the bachelor happily, that neither of us did protest too much. We haven't made any promises, you know.

Not one, rejoined the widow promptly, as to my flirting.

Nor as to my clubs.

Nor as to my relatives.

Nor my cigars.

And we won't make any vows, cried the widow, except marriage vows.

And New Year's irresolutions, added the bachelor.

Listen! cried the widow softly, with her fingers on her lips.

A peal of a thousand silver bells rang out on the midnight air.

The chiming! exclaimed the widow. They're full of promises.

I thought it sounded like a wedding bell, said the bachelor, disappointedly.

Maybe, said the widow, it was only Love—ringing off.

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The widow studied the corner of the rug with great concern.

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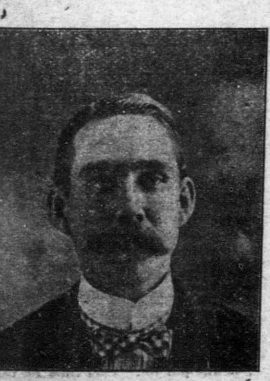
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